Author’s response to reviews

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Author’s response to reviews:
Dear Dr. Mockridge,

Thank you for the handling of the manuscript “Predictors of biologic-free disease control in patients with rheumatoid arthritis after stopping tumor necrosis factor inhibitor treatment”.

Please find enclosed the revised version of our manuscript and our response to the remaining 3 editor comments. All changes have been incorporated in the manuscript.

We hope that this revised version will be accepted for publication and look forward to hearing from you.

Also on behalf of the other authors,

Sincerely,

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